## Ask Me no More.

Ask me no more. The moon may draw the sea : The cloud may stoop from heaven and take the shape.

With fold to fold, of mountain or of cape But, oh, too fond, when have I answered thee? Ask me no more.

Ask me no more. What answer should I give? I love not hollow cheek or faded eye : Yet, oh, my friend, I will not have thee die! Ask me no more, lest I should hid the live : Ask me no more,

Ask me no more. Thy fate and mine are sealed. I strove against the stream and all invain. Let the great river take me to the main. No more, dear love, for at a touch I yield; Ask me no more!

## A STORY ABOUT PEARLS,

We belonged to the same club. I preferred his game of whist to that of any one else, though he invariably won my money. Why now, when I happen to see him, he is always on the other side of the street, or just turning round the corner I cannot imagine. What I am writing about happened some years ago. It was a Summer afternoon when I met Clap von Trap in the park, "Here," said he to me, "is the chance I have been waiting for some time, that of seeing you again and talking to you alone, and with this he drew a small velvetcovered box from his pantaloons pocket and, opening it, displayed some exquisite pearls, "Here is richness," he continued, "They came from California, Oysters—pearl oysters—there in greater quantity than the edible ones in Chesapeake Bay. It's only a question of how many bushels, not of shells, but of pearls, we want. Divers, buzos they call them, do the business now. Here, take this one and look at it. take this one and look at it. It is not worth more than \$100. There is just \$2,750 in this box. Take this one and give it to your wife, with my compliments. Know the place where they are found? Don't I? These come direct from the bed. The original Spaniards used to fish there two centuries ago, but the very existence of the place has been lost to the whole world, excepting to three men, and I am one of them. You have heard of "La Pepegrina," the most beautiful pearl in the world, given to Philip II., King of Spain, and now in the royal treasures of Madrid, only equaled by the one belonging to the Princess Yousoppoff? Seen the Peregrina when you were in Spain? Of course you did; as big as a pigeon's egg worth \$150,000. Queen Isabella, they do say, tried to swallow it when she was driven out, but could not bot it, I have seen the freight agent and conand so wes forced to disgorge. That pearl is a fool to what we can find, and that pearl was discovered as far as tra-dition dition goes exactly where our beds are. embark in to's enterprise Don't talk to me about your fortune, Here it is. We could, if we wanted to, make pearls as cheap as glass beads, but we are too clever for that; we will only

breaking down of the pearl market' "Every difficulty has been overcome" spoiled for want of that calculation—and he continued. "There has been no end you have \$300,000, and that is an outkind. There were lots of people, during the war, who racked their brains inventing subaqueous machines for human destruction. All of them failedeither they would not work, or the men that one. All you have to do is to build your boat, put a dozen men in her-I am willing to make the first trip in her -and down, down we go, to any depth under water, and we can sail around as big as a hazel-nut, for its perfectly quite as comfortably one hundred fathoms deep as a yatch would on the surface of the North River. Then there is such an ingenious method for letting fabulous — undivined — untold wealth water. Don't ask me about the air to speaking of the flyers in sunken ships, keep them alive with; that is the first All the rest of the world will have to so stupid as to suppose that human be- cess. I have omitted entirely the All modern inventions of this character which would more than pay the working toying with the pearls, "you have read wife's style of beauty. It is 3,000 shares those wonderful letters of Otto Plasms." we shall start with. We have put them shipboard the time must come when, instead of stowing away huge tanks of water for the use of the sailors, or even interest, we have to give \$30,000. Why. distilling sea-water, something else one dip into the sea will pay more than must be done. He even asserts that that; we are morally certain to pay back water in the Great Desert of Sahara will be sooner or later supplied to those that Now I do not want you to be the least use it by those simply natural but ever progressive laws of science.

in certain well-known and definite proportions, we can manufacture water. If water can be produced, what is to prevent our manufacturing air? Funny, wouldn't it be, if that particular case mentioned by old Adam Smith should really turn up, that of a man having the monopoly of air? Now follow me. All we have to do is to take in a cargo of oxygen and nitrogen. But you say, and very properly, why not take in air at Because it would occupy too much space, and make us so buoyant, that no matter how we condensed it, we would never sink. We take our submarine boat, then, freight her with pickaxes, rakes, put our men on board, and my friend, Von Trap, was gone. with our tweney-five, fifty, or a hundred pounds of chemicals, down, down we Here I remember Von Trap plunged his stick, an elegant Malacca, into the ground, and I followed suit with my cane, thrusting it into the soft sod away above the ferule. "You grapple with the oyster," continued my friend, mov-ing round his stick in the dirt, "selecting only the biggest and fattest. We collect five-ten-fifty tons of them. Then up we come, and dump them on the shore, and back again we go for more and more. Here does not, however, end the business. The East, my boy, and Ceylon, Coromandel, and Condatchy! We will monopolize the trade. Then what say you to coral, and the Mediterranean, and the tons on tons of that delicate blush pink shade, worth its weight in gold, and then the more

By combining oxygen and hydrogen

think of it in all its extent. Those hidden wreeks, these argosies, those ships rich in bullion and plate, which lie Then I told her all about it, from bescattered here and there, strewed around purposely waiting for us. Think of it, "I shall examine closely, vigorously Drake and Hawkins, which have been me on the Board of Direction, and an de sphot, or I breaks off the leetle waiting the William Phippses of the occupation is so very desirable. If it is sphlinter of glass here, and you and I, nineteenth century! Do not talk to all right I might venture a small sum."
me about Capt. Kidd and such trash. I and then I talked of Ueylon, sponges, tell you I never was in more sober carnest in my life, and am ready to risk my did Von Trap, but with a certain effect, all in it. It is simply a matter of dollars and cents. Here are my figures." not, I suppose I shall never be able to and with this he drew out of his cigar-discover. What is certain was that there case a card, on which was written in a were some good names standing for bold, clear hand, a whole row of figures. P. P. C. stock, though not on bold, clear hand, a whole row of ngures.

Handing me a cigar, and taking one the regular list, was bought and sond by himself, he went on. "Now, you shall judge for yourself whether I am much judge for yourself whether I am much in it, the dividends to be paid in pearls, in it, the dividends to be paid in pearls, the shares in their wives' or rine machine, with total and exclusive placing the shares in their wives or right to use it, in fact, the absolute daughters names, and in many a drawcession of it, \$75,000. They wanted ing room, pretty women would talk of \$200,000, and a participation in the profits, for the United States alone, but I at last got their price, and have the refusal of it for ten days. Cost of build-some taste in designing, my tracing of ing the vessel, iron throughout, with engine and apparatus complete, \$68,875 62. Every item down on the contract, with specifications, and the workfirst description of the contract, with specifications, and the workfirst description of the contract, with specifications, and the workfirst description of the contract, with specifications, and the workfirst description of the contract, with specifications are considered. ing drawings now in the hands of the first machine-shop in the country. Chemist's petent, \$100,000. That is steep, I must admit.

"Quite so," I said. laughs at me when I mention even a others we had to fight in Court. air of the primest quality, fifty pounds producing 7,332,569 cubic feet of A 1 air, at thirty cents a pound, is \$15. But I have no coubt, from inquires I have made among the wholeale people, it could be bought in quantity for twenty-two cents, and we might import it ourselves on a margin; and what a saving that would be, for we shall certainly want tons of it. Well, you must confess that \$15 is cheap enough.

' Quite so," I replied. "Then comes the pick-axes, crowbars, and implements necessary for digging out the shells from their beds. I figured that out at \$150, and I may

be under or over the mark. Now, to transport our craft to San Francisco, the future centre of our operations, we will have to build her in sections and put her together there. That will cost, by sulted the tariff. It would be much cheaper round the Horn, but then the delay, and the months that must elapse before we could get it there. It is too I have been waiting for the last three good a thing to be slow about. One weeks trying to find one good, solid felture thing more: Crew of ten men and captain, with stores and food, et cetera, say a matter of \$750 a month; and now you have it all, which makes a total of \$262, 429.65—call it, if you please, a round \$275,000, and add \$25,000 for contingent expenses-I never omit continger t exlet them out as they are wanted; no penses; many a good thing has been spoiled forwant of that calculation—and of ingenuity lavished on matters of this side figure. Now," and here he paused for a moment, and again taking out the box of pearls, selected one or two of the smaller sizes, "have you," he said, "any idea of the worth of a string of these things when they come from Ceylon? in them could not be kept alive-all save A quadruple string some ten inches long, one, and I have secured the patent of of good quality, will bring from \$1,000 to \$5,000. They would go in a gill measure. If a gill is worth that much, what is a quart or peck worth? Then, suppose we should only get a few, say evident that the oldest and biggest oysters have never been obtained at all the men out so that they can work under within our grasp, in pearls alone, not problem we had to solve. We are not come to us for the right to use our proings could live under water without air. ther-of-pearl, worth at least \$300 a ton, start with the idea of supplying air from expenses. Now what say you? Here, the outside. Maybe, he went on, still take this pearl; it will just grace your You think I am not a reading man, but at \$100; that will make a capital of I am. He declares somewhere that on \$300,000, not anything like as much as the whole capital with six weeks' labor, bit dazzled by what I have told you. I know you are timid, and I applaud you for it. Take your time about it, do not be hasty. Here, take this pearl; I admire your delicacy; c' course I can't be giving such things to your wife—only ep it awhile, and if you do go in with us, then only accept it; it's a trifle anyhow, and you may pay me for it out of your first dividend;" and, saying this, selecting a very pretty pearl, with a delicate, warm, golden tint, lustrous, how-ever, as a globule of quicksilver, he dropped it into my watch-pocket. "Ah!"

> As I ascended the steps of my pleashas kept you away from us so long?"

he said, "I must go. Sorry I haven't

my double wagon out to-day, or I might give you a lift." Here drove up his

stylish equipage, and taking the reins

from his servant, in a moment more

"It is not late, I think," I replied, and drew out my watch, when out tumbled the pearl, which I had forgotten. oil-cloth in the entry was of a dark, black ground, and over and over rolled the pearl, flashing and shining. "Gracious! what is that?" asked

"Only a pearl," I replied, in a sub-

"Oh! the pretty pearl. What lovely colors. So modest, withal;" and pick-ing it up, she held it between her first finger and thumb, My wife has a charmvulgar but useful sponge; and, then my ing hand and graceful fingers, and I

w; all those fat old galleons, sunk by into the whole matter. Von Trap wants coral, sunken treasure, not as

ornaments of a decorative nature, suit-

The first difficulty was about the patent. No sooner was the P. P. C. the purchaser than injunctions, from America and Europe, and even Asia and Africa, I believe were showered on "So it seems to me still. But the us, The whole world clamored infringeconfounded fellow has the secret, and ments. Some we had to buy off, while penny less. I did try ever so hard to came delay on delay as to the building make him take a portion of the price in shares, but he has refused. All I can and weeks in traveling between the get out of him is his promise to be sat- office and the machine-shop, and quite isfied with his money by instalments, ruined my self in buying new clothes, Item third: Cost of material for making those I were being soiled by the rust and oil in the dingy shop where it was building. After that came the chemical annoyances. There was no doubt about our being able to make air, and of the finest, purest, and most exhilerating character, in the office. We used to "and we shall prepare it by the ten cubic feet, in a it back again, nicely-lacquered gasometer, and breathe it too, and enjoy the experiment very much, and we made every one who came in try it, and all the visitors declared it to be the freshest and nicest air they had ever used, and some people of a philanthropic turn of mind were sau-guine "that if" as they said, "we could only turn a stream of our prepared air into Baxter-street, or into tenementhouses, in the Summer, we would save the city from all sickness, besides ameliorating the condition of the poor." But there was a hitch somewhere, suspected by me alone. Sometimes now that I go over the whole matter, I am inclined to think that the German chemist was Mephistophiles, disguised as an alchem-One day he would burst into the office, drag me into the private room, fall on my neck, and with tears in his eyes—wanting to kiss me—would de-clare, "That all was besser as goot; that he, his wife and his children had been living, for the last ten hours, in an atmosphere of his own preparation, that soul, such a kind friend she has been to they were doing well, and that the last obstacle in the manufacture had been removed," but adding "that he must have a thousand dollars more before he could go on." That very night he would wake me and the neighbors up by howling my name at the door, and shouting 'that his child was ill-dying, from there having been an overdose of nitro-

gen in his mixture. Very soon my thousand dollars went, and with it some of the stockholders, who preferred having their stock forfeited to paying further assessments. I must confess that, so far, Von Trap of herself or her family. She has now had stood manfully by us. bought an immense stock of pick-axes, oyster-rakes, crow-bars at nominal prices, which were on exhibition in the

Little by little my ten thousand dollar interest became fifty thousand, and shortly I became the largest share-Von Trap complimented me on my pluck, and offered me the Presidency, which I declined. I still had unlimited faith in the P. P. C., so much so as to write a brilliant prospectus, which I had neatly printed on tinted paper, with a red line round the edges which was distributed by the thousands. We advertised, it, too-The Peregrina Pearl Company-in all the leading papers, and the reader may have seen notices of it. Here commenced my first coolness with Von Trap. He would write the advertisements himself, in the regular patent medicine, lottery scheme style, which was against my judgment. Calls for money became now incessant, The contractor who was building the submarine boat was always calling for advances, threatened "to leave right off then, and not drive in another rivet or turn a bolt unless so many thousand dollars were paid. We had made so many alterations and improvements," he said "that it would cost twice as much as the original drawings and specifications called for."

Later I noticed that my friend Von Trap had not been in the office for ten lays. Presently, in the streets, I heard his name used in connection with that of a novel process for facilitating City transit. It was described as something marvelous-an electro-motor, by means of which passengers could be conveyed from the Battery to Spyten Duyvel in three minutes, and at a cost not exceed-ing seven-eights of a cent per head, Still I labored on, was President, Secretary, Consulting Engineer, correspondent, clerk and errand boy: did every-thing but sweep out the P. P. C. offices. The chemist now almost drove me mad. ant little house, my wife opened the door for me. "It is rather late; what and seemed to hold me personally responsible for the whole company. the personification of greed and avarice. Where the thousands of dollars he had received went to was a mystery, as he was always squalid, wretched and dirty to a degree. Now he lured me on with his secret, which he assured me was within grasp, and wrung from me my last few dollars. At last, after a day of preponderous demand for more money, hich I refused. "Give me," I said "the process perfected in every detail, and I will do what I can to raise the money, but not one cent more until

He looked at me with his sinster eyes, and, very coolly drawing from pocket a small glass tube, heremetically scaled, one end of which was drawn to

a fine point, he said: "Zee. You must bay me vife tousand dollar, now on and everydings in dis house, shall be smashed into ten hundred tousand million adoms !" and with this, his face livid with passion, he laid the glass tube on my desk. Had it been a sixty-four pound shell,

with lighted fuse, I should not have cared. I knew that I was ruined—that the bread had been taken out of my wife and children's mouths, and was indifferent as to my fate. With one vigorous kick, well applied, for all my upset energies culminated then, I sent the alchemist flying out of the room, headlong down the steep stairs, and hardly knowing what I did, rushing back to my desk, threw the infernal thing after him. The glass tube lit on the landing, fizzled for a moment no louder than a squib, and that was all. The alchemist I never saw more.

Next day I shut up the concern. The shell of the sub-marine vessel, half com-pleted, was sold for old fron, the price it brought settled some of the lawyers' fees : the office furniture was seized by the landlord for the unexpired lease, All I had left was the seal, I have it

Poor wife and children! They took their share of the misfortune heroically without a murmun. The day of the downfall of the P. P. C. she offered me a pearl, which I had fortunately insisted on buying of Von Trap, to pay any outstanding debt that might be owing some honest creditor. Such a one was found. Bridget McCosh, the woman who had cleaned the office for a six month, at \$5 a month, put in her very just claim for \$30. My wife took the pearl to an eminent jeweler. "A beau-tiful Indian pearl, Madam," he said, "and we shall be quite pleased to have

"How have it back again!" asked my wife, "We know every gem of value we dispose of: which helps us, to trace lost stones. Of course, in this case, there is nothing of the kind. Could tell this particular stone in a thousand. Though not large, it is nearly perfect as to shape and color. Allow me to refer to our books. Ah, yes—here it is. We sold this and quite a lot of them, say eight, ten months ago. I think \$100 was the price then paid for it, We have no idea of taking any unfair advantage of you, Madam. Pearls like this, rate at any time, are just now at an advance of fully ten per sent. We can just place such a pearl to-day, to match one a customer wants for a brolal gift, and we will give \$125 for it, which I assure you is a fancy price. Will you take the money or our check : perhaps you might want some jewelry in exchange for it? Any way to suit you, madam.

The char-woman was paid, and, good us since.

# A Strange Story.

An exchange gives a long account of one Henrietta Robinson, who about twenty years ago was accused of poisoning a man and woman in Troy, New York, and was convicted and sentenced to death but the sentence was communtstyled at the time the "Veiled Murderess," as she kept herself closely veiled in court and in prison, and would neither show her face nor give any account been eighteen years in Sing Sing, and generally enjoys good health and spirits, and preserves her good looks. She was a very handsome woman when she went to prison, and was supposed to belong to some high family either in England or Ireland. She has never yet breathed a word in regard to her family which has reached the public. She is called "Mrs. Robinson" by the other convicts, who one and all feel for her the highest respect. Having been uniformly exemplary in conduct, she has been granted many trifling privilege not allowed ordinary prisoners. Her cell is a curiosity in its way. It is represented to be a miniature conservatory, embracing some rare floral productions. Itis also embellished with many other evidences of refined taste and culture. She is more communicative to the chaplain of the prison than any one else, and toward him she occasionally throws off a portion of her habitual reserve. It is supposed she has made some important communications to him under the seal of secrecy, and he states that before many months shall have passed there possibly may be more disclosures given to the public in regard to her case, which will present her in a different light than that in which she has hitherto stood. This chaplain, who attended her trial, has always expressed a belief in her entire innocence of the fearful crime for which she was convicted.

New Year Resolution. The commencement of a new year beng an excellent time to "turn over a new leaf," let those who ought to turn, do it Let those who have habits that are obnoxious to other people or injurions to themselves, resolve to abandon them. Let those who practice deceit and dishonesty resolve to be honest men. those who are indolent and mere leeches upon their friends or upon society, nerve themselves up to a resolution of manly activity and usefulness. Let croakers resolve to look henceforth upon the bright as well as upon the dark side of If every object and event. Let profane he was not the evil one, at least he was men resolve to pronounce none but chaste and proper words henceforward. Let the reckless cultivate the spirit of moderation and circumspection. Let the rash and thoughtless tame their headlong steeds. Let professing Christians labor very hard to be Christians "in spirit and in truth." Finally, 'et all last few dollars. At last, after a day of agonizing labor, he came to me with a or female, resolve t square all our motives, ambitions and conduct by that noble and ennobling rule of life, namely: Do unto others as we would wish them to do unto us. That one "golden rule," coupled with faith in God's infinite goodness, is, after all, the grand vulgar but useful sponge; and, then my solution of life's toughest problems; it scheme is limitless in its extent. I consess it confuses me sometimes, when I thumb and finger. imparting a rosy hue cents in the City Court the other day man justice, peace and happiness.

### A Whirly ind of Fire in England.

A most remarkable phenomenon occured at King Sutton, near Banbury, England, a local paper says, by which a man bad a narrow escape. No less than seventeen trees were torn up by the roots, and manufacturing iron and steel into ing through the air. It was accompanied by fire and a great deal of smoke heavy rain at the time, and few minutes the fields, many of which are strewn with the branches of the trees struck. The people were greatly alarmed---some of them say the noise was terrific-and they thought that the earth would open and swallow exerything up. After trav-eling for about two miles the fire meteor seems to have expanded itself,

Polities in 1872. The political events of the year which have been the expulsion of the Jesuits form bill. In our country the rise cul-Vice-President of the United States, mental, leads often to the excessive ber 14; the Emperor William's decision cess, of the San Juan boundary question in prosecution of the Khivan war by Russia, which, trivial as the matter now appears, may ultimately embroil Engand Turkey in war. The Emperors ence appears as yet to have no real sig- the necessity for human suffering in the

### The Profits of Tippling. Some little idea may be formed of

the severe injury which would be inflieted on trade in the event of a general movement in favor of temperance, by the following occount given by Lewis, at a recent meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council, of the number of persons seen by the police to enter one of the "hard-ale" shops in that city during one day. A "hard-ale" shop is a house where customers may get drunk for twopence halfpenny. One penny-worth of "hard-ale" followed by threehalfpenny worth of spirits, will, it is stated, reduce even a seasoned toper to state of hopeless stupefaction. From 8 to 9 A. M. there entered the establishment in question on a Saturday in July 100 men and 38 women; froti 9 to 10 clock, 120 men and 65 women; from 10 ments of the art of late. Scarcely to 11, 90 men and 40 women; from 11 to years ago the grain in the Southern weighs over 12 pounds, reckoning the 115 men and 60 women; from 3 3 2, 112 was borne to the nearest port whence it men and 60 women; from 4 to 5, 67 men was despatched to the great London of the snow to be only one foot, we shall women; from 7 to 8, 75 men and 50 wo- changed. Reaping is done by made only a proof of one halfpenny on nation. Four or five months at most each individual, he would have a total suffice to bring the corn from the Step-£1,482 a year. It is remarkable to ob- at es of the West. In a few "women" drank throughout the day---there is but little variation in their numbers from hour to hour in comparison with that to be seen in the cases of the "men." The constancy of women peeps forth in every transoction of life, while man, vile man, is fitful even in his cups.

PLAIN ENOUGH .- The following is the as given by a police officer: "Far as I classes at school, wich I thinks be werry and Mr. Green he stuck his thumb into Mr. Nobb's mouth, and that thumb hasn't been seen since. That's all I know about it."

the train had gone, and the credulous hearts of the crew, who the moment they were struck never expected to see land in the station for one hour.

#### The Puddling of Iron.

This process of puddling was invented

thirty-six more or less injured, and 116 bars, plates, and rods of purer quality yards of stone wall thrown down. About and in larger quantities than heretoneighborhood saw something in the fire machinery." For this invention shape of a baycock, of great size, revolving through the air. It was accompanion-trade of the British nation," and it is estimated that his invention has, durand at others near the ground. It made a great noise, something like a railway train traveling and progressed with great points. It made to there are the ground. It made a great noise, something like a railway wealth of Great Britain by 33,000,000. The Methodist confesses to being a train traveling and progressed with great to the Union.

The Methodist confesses to being a wealth of Great Britain by 33,000,000. It is experiments for perfective. rapidity. It passed over the estates of Col. North, M. P., Sir William Brown, Bart., and Mr. Leslie Melville Cartwright, sixty-one yards of whose park wall at one place has been torn down from the foundation. It too up one of the foundation of th from the foundation. It tore up one of the largest beech trees on Sir William ment, as an acknowledgment of their Brown's estate, and about twelve tons of wrong, granted him a yearly pension of earth with it, and the branches were \$1,000, and at his death this miserly carried about in all directions. A man recompense was reduced to his widow named Adams, who was breaking stones to \$625. When iron is simply melted on the road, says he heard a great noise and run into any mold, its texture is if a railway train was coming up. granular, and it is so brittle as to be There was a dense smoke, and a tree quite unreliable for any use requiring that he had been standing under a min-nte before was torn up. There was a puddling consisted in stirring the moiten iron run out in a puddle, and had before a vivid flash of lightning. For a the effect of so changing its automic mile and a half there are traces of the arrangement as to render the process destruction caused by the phenomenon, which seems to have traveled almost in a straight line from south to north. It was followed by a whiriwind that swept was followed by a whiriwing that was followed by a whiriwing the was followed by a wh everything before it, and a pond it pass- fire urged with a blast. The cast-iron ed was dried up, stones carried a dissides are double, and a constant circulatance of forty yards, and railings knock-ed down. Frightened cattle ran about the chamber thus made, in order to preserve the structure from fusion by the The inside is lined with firebrick covered with metallic ore and slag over the bottom and sides, and then, the oven being charged with the pigs of iron, the heat is let on. The pigs and the oven is filled with molten iron. The puddler constantly stirs this mass with a har let through a hole in the door, until the iron rolls up, or "fer-ments," as it is called. The fermenta-tion is caused by the combustion of a has just departed have not been marked.

Nothing of importance, politically, has occurred in England, France has been soon as the excess of this is consumed, agitated, but though there has been a the cinders and slag sink to the bottom reat stir about constitutional reforms, of the oven, leaving the semi-fluid mass M. Thiers is still master of the situation, on the top. Stirring this about, the In Germany the most important events puddler forms it into balls of such a size as he can conveniently handle, and the complete rupture with the Pope which are taken out and carried on hitle which it proclaims to the world, and cars, made to receive them, to "the which it proclaims to the world, and cars, made to receive them, to "the the flooding of the upper house of the squeezer." To carry on this process Prussian Legislature to swap the retro-grade majority against the Counties Re-ment in the puddler. The heat necessarily generated by the operation is so mination, and collapse of the "Liberal" great that very few persons have the movement for the reform of the Government of the United States was the most great is ft that the clothes upon the dred and seventy-two was Presidential strain upon the physical powers naturally leads those subjected to it to indulge in excesses. The perspiration at the execution ground at Matow. Of the later of the North Caina Heraid, on the 13th and 14th of October last no less than 115 criminals were beheaded at the execution ground at Matow. Of President and Vice-President. The streams while engaged in their work is were all strangled first and then decapi Democratic Convention, which met at caused by the natural effort of their tated. Baltimore, July 9, almost unanimously bodies to preserve themselves from innominated the same candidates. June jury by keeping their normal temperathe Republican Convention met at ture. Such a consumption of the fluids Philadelphia and nominated U. S. Grant of the body causes great thirst, and the and Henry Wilson for President and exhaustion of the labor, both bodily and The election was be e in all the States of stimulants. In fact, the work is too except Louisiana on November 5. The laborious. Its conditions are such that electoral votes of all the States but no one should be subjected to them. ed to imprisonment for life. She was six are pledged to General Grant. The The necessity, however, for judgment, troubles in Louisiana, Arkansas, and experience, and skill on the part of the Alabama are important. The interna- operator has up to this time prevented tional events were the award of the Gen- the introduction of machinery to take eva Tribunal in our favor, made Septem- the place of human labor in this pro-The successful substitution in modern times of machines for performour favor, made October 10; and the ing various operations which formerly seemed to require the intelligence and dexterity of a living being for their execution, justifies the expectation that the study now being given to the organof Russia, Austria and Germany met at ization of industry will lead to the in-Berlin, on September 1, but the Confervention of machines which will obviate

# not as yet proved entirely successful. Agriculture in Russia.

process of puddling. Such a consum-

mation would be an advantage to all

classes concerned. The attempts which

have been made in this direction have

The agricultural correspondent of the Independance of Belge writes that in Russia there are immense tracts of land an extraordinary fertility, from which, owing to the want of population capable of creating a domestic market, whatever is produced can only be of use when exported. The new railways have, therefore, given an immense impetus to agriculture in Russia, which the correspondent believes destined to become a formidable competitor with the agriculturists of the West, Great improvements have been effected in all depart-12 noon, 110 men and 48 women; from provinces was reaped by the hand, 12 to 1, 85 men and 55 women; from 1 to threshed in the most primitive fashion, 2, 100 men and 60 women; from 2 to 3, and loaded on carriages drawn by oxen, and 43 women; from 5 to 6, 108 men and market. All this required twelve or 47 women; from 6 to 7, 128 men and 50 fifteen months. Now everything is men; from 8 to 9, 120 men and 55 women; chinery, threshing is accomplished by from 9 to 10, 10) men and 55 women; threshers of the latest and most perfect from 10 to 11, 81 men and 43 women- model, the grain is loaded at the nearest in all, 1,511 men and 769 women. If station for Odessa, where large steamers the proprietor of "his "hard ale" shop receive it in order to bear it to its destiprofit of £415s, per day, or no less than per of Russia to the immense grain serve by these figures how steadily the more the Russians will grind their corn themselves, and export the flour ready prepared, thus keeping for their own purposes the refuse which is useful for cattle, and turning to their own advantage all that is now loss in changing the wheat into flour.

account of a little trouble in Louisville about leaving the other day, some one called out at the doors, "Pawtucket and

A slaughtered hog in Lynchburg, Va.

A boy, fifteen years of age, died lately in St. Louis from the effects of intem-

The convicts at the Joliet, Ill., Peni-

tentiary average days wages of 55 cents

each, making segars. The Guide to Health doubts if there

are twenty really healthy and strong women in any State in the Union. The Methodist confesses to being a

is to the Almighty.

During the first nine months of 1872 England made away with 10,109,041 gallons of spirits---1,163,449 gallons more than she drank during the corresponding time in 1871. "I wish you would pay a little attention to what I am saying, sir," roared

an irate lawyer at an exasperating witness. "Well, I am paying as little as I can," was the calm reply. Those who believe nothing often

make others believe most; as the best actors in our theatres are those who retain the most perfect command over their feelings, voice and countenance.

A woman of North Wheeling, Va., one Mrs. Dailey, was found by her husband literally roasted to death on Christ-

According to a St. Paul paper, noses, ears and fingers, which have been broken off while in a frozen and crisp condition, may be picked up in large quantities from the sidewalks of that frosty

There are now published in the United States 6,432 periodicals, of which 507 are issued daily, 105 tri-weekly, 110 semi-weekly, 4,750 weekly, 24 bi-weekly, 91 semi-monthly, 685 monthly, 4 bi-monthly, and 55 quarterly.

A novel pet has a lady of Danielville Conn, in the shape of a butterfly, which nestles in her hand, alights upon her shoulder or hair, or, by way of variety, hides in the knot of ribbon at her throat, when he feels like a nap.

Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y., is in charge of a sergeant and three privates. The other day the seargeant put one of the men into the guard-house, set another to guarding him, and put the remaining one in charge of the fort.

Mrs Samuel Colt made \$800,000 profit out of revolvers last year. She has a lovely daughter who will inherit \$8,000,-000.—Elmira Gazette. This may be correct as to figures, but the "lovely daughter" happens to be a son with a will of his own.—Hartford Post.

According to the North China Herald.

The man in Danbury who enjoys the most sympathy, is he who chased a runaway team for half a mile, and finally succeeded in heading it off, only to discover the driver in the carriage sking very much astonished at the hallooing and panting rescuer.

An old lady in Ottawa, Mich., was recently sitting in an arm-chair sewing, when an automatic rifle in the next room fell from its hooks and discharged, The ball went through a partition, pierced a table in the way and fatally

wounded the old lady in the head. A hotel clerk who was banged up in a railroad accident recently, sned the company for \$20,000 for damage to his heek, but the Judge told the jury he did not want to influence them in their verdict, but thought ten cents would be an ample sum for the injury

done. The annual report of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee shows the receipts of the various products last year to be as follows: Receipts---Flour, 215,-977 barrels; wheat, 13,275,626 bushels; oats, 1,608,048 bushels; corn, 2,042,196 bushels; rye, 410,123 bushels; barley, 1,447509 bushels.

A school girl in one of the rural districts of Pittsfield, Mass., was overheard trying to convince a school fellow that she liked him better than she did some other urchin of whom he seemed "Of course I like you better than I do Bill," said she, "for don't I miss words in my spelling lesson on purpose, so as to be down to the foot of

the class where you are ?" There is a duty of the hour which very few people seem to realize. The weight of snow of the density of the recent fall is about one-fifth the weight of water; a cubic foot of it consequently cubic foot of water at 1,000 ounces. The roof of an ordinary dwelling house is something over 800 square feet in extent, and if we take the average depth have on such a roof a burden of five tons. This is not more than a good roof ought to bear, but there are hundreds of roofs in each city hardly able to sustain their own weight. Let householders look to this without delay.

# What a Single Wave Can Do.

There is a vessel in Queenstown barbor, says an Irish paper, of 1,200 tons, which received from a single sea a surprising amount of damage. This vessel, a Norwegian, was struck by a sea or wave of so tremendous a character, in the late gale, as to sweep that portion of her cargo which was stowed upon the deck, in a moment, into the sea; to carry off her cooking apparatus, made of cast iron: to empty and injure her deckhouse, A Practical Joke.—As the through to smash her bulwarks and stanchions, train from Providence for Worcester was to wound and bruise three of her men, and to reduce four more to a state of weakness and syncope; to break the knows, your Honor, they be werry good young men. They started to take their ca. on the other track." There were board, and finally to fill the cabin and some sixty passengers on the train to damage all the provisions, so that the good for them; but they fell in with a West Ender. That's what beat 'em, and they didn't go to school. They raised a row, may it please the Court, other car, as requested, supposing it was ies were produced in a moment by a to be attached to the train. The point single wave. It not only cleared the of the joke was perceptible when the decks, but it extinguished hope in the